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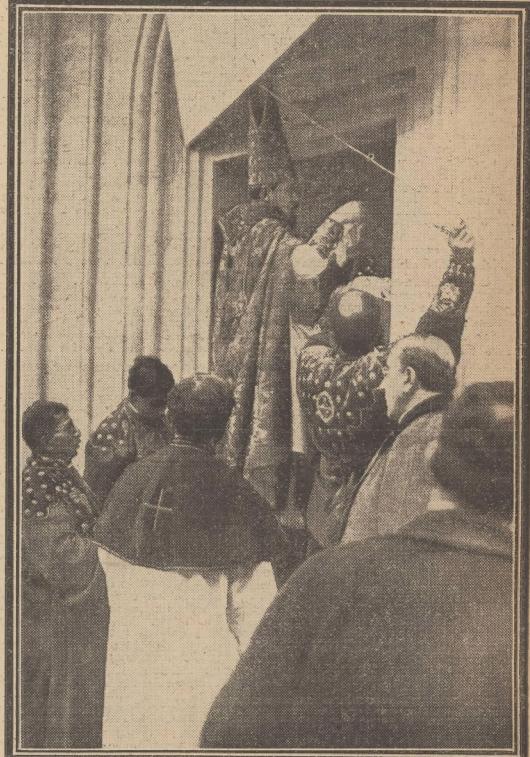
One Penny.

## DEATH OF EX-KING TINO



The ex-King of Greece with his family in exile. He was twice forced to abdicate.

## ARMENIAN CHURCH



The Armenian Bishop pronouncing a dedication on the threshold.



The ex-Kaiser explaining to Tino the operations of his troops.



The ex-King Tino in the uniform of a Field-Marshal.



Dr. Naazarian, wearing a black hood, proceeding to the ceremony.

The sudden death of ex-King Tino of Greece was reported from Palermo yesterday. The ex-King, who, both as monarch and as soldier, had experienced the alternating extremes of triumphal success and humiliating overthrow, will long remain notorious for his perfidy to the Allies during the war.

The first Armenian church in England was opened yesterday at Iverness-gardens, Kensington, by Dr. Abel Nazarian, the chief Armenian Bishop in this country. He was accompanied on his arrival for the impressive ceremony by a minister of the Church of England.—(Daily Mirror.)

# SECRETS OF BARRICADED HOUSE

## Maltby's Amazing Career of Extravagance.

## RIDDLE OF WOMAN.

### Was She Murdered?—Problem for Sir B. Spilsbury.

Amazing details came to light yesterday concerning the life of Cecil Maltby, one of the victims of the tragedy in the barricaded house at Regent's Park.

He abandoned a lucrative business for a career of luxury and dissipation, spending much of his time at race meetings and dance clubs.

So far the mystery of the fate of Mrs. Midleton, who was found dead in the bath after Maltby shot himself, has not been solved.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury is making an examination in an effort to discover whether she died naturally, ended her own life by poisoning or was murdered.

## MONEY QUARREL.

### Mrs. Middleton's Strange Fascination Over Eccentric Lover.

Day and night policemen continue to watch and guard the red house with the yellow blinds in Park-road, Regent's Park, in which the grim discoveries were made.

Defectives are searching and examining everything they can find, hoping to discover some kind of clue that will lead to the solution of the riddle of Mrs. Middleton's fate.

How did the woman meet her death? Was it by poisoning, self-administered, or was it due to heart failure following the taking of a poison bath?

Or, again, was it the result of foul play—a sudden attack of frenzy on the part of Maltby?

These are the knotty problems with which the detectives are confronted, and they are looking to Sir Bernard Spilsbury, one of the master minds in pathological cases, to help them to discover which of these three theories is correct.

Dr. Spilsbury's task is a particularly difficult one—probably the most difficult in the course of his long experience—for the woman must have been dead for quite four months.

## DISSIPATION.

Inquiries yesterday by *The Daily Mirror* strongly suggest that for weeks before Maltby, who threw aside a once fashionable and prosperous tailoring business in order to lead a life of dissipation, had become the victim of the underworld, was hopelessly mad.

He was always a strange psychological study. Since his wife left him some ten years ago he had led a Bohemian sort of life.

Sometimes it was a long spell of drinking; at other times it was attendance at race meetings; at others dance clubs and intrigues with women.

Maltby met Mrs. Middleton in January of last year, and she exercised a strange fascination over him—an influence which no other woman he had known had ever had.

He took her about with him after she came to live in his house in June, and although at times his manners were most repulsive, to some people he seemed very fond of her, and she, similarly, appeared to reciprocate his attention.

## WOMAN LAST SEEN IN AUGUST.

So far as *The Daily Mirror* can ascertain, the last seen of Mrs. Middleton in public was on August 12, when Maltby took her to Windsor races.

A young man named George James Sullivan, who was at one time a porter and messenger at Maltby's shop and afterwards became a kind of manservant, remembers the couple returning home.

A day or so afterwards Maltby and Mrs. Middleton had a quarrel about money. Their differences were made up, however, and Maltby cooked her breakfast each morning and took it to her bedroom.

At one time Maltby was known to be making inquiries in the neighbourhood concerning Mrs. Middleton's health. He was anxious to secure a certain treatment, but failed.

So far as can be ascertained, no one saw or heard anything of Mrs. Middleton after August 15.

## SHUT AWAY FROM WORLD.

Since that date Maltby's shop was seldom open, and he ceased to frequent his old haunts. Then, early in October, it was noticed that the blinds and curtains were drawn, and that the house began to wear a deserted air.

People who knew Maltby regarded this as an outcome of one of his eccentric or drunken freaks. "No one worried."

As to Mrs. Middleton, it was popularly supposed that she had left his house and rejoined her husband.

Failing payment of account, both the gas and water were cut off, but neighbours knew that Maltby was still in the house. He was frequently seen at the windows waving his arms and otherwise behaving in a strange way.

Still no one took any notice. "He is drunk or mad," people said. "Leave him alone."

It was only when the police forced their entrance into the house, the shop door of which was barricaded, that the real facts of one of the grimdest tragedies that had ever been enacted in London were revealed.

*The Daily Mirror* has the best authority for stating that, so far as can be discovered up to the present, the post-mortem examination, however, is not yet completed—no marks of violence have yet been discovered to account for Mrs. Midleton's death.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury alone will be able to say what brought about the death of this pretty, auburn-haired woman, whose husband was away at sea and who shared Maltby's home.

Circumstantial evidence, however, seems to suggest that Maltby, worried by the nature of her illness, resorted to all sorts of remedial methods. That, at least, is not improbable the woman died under the treatment.

Then comes the most dramatic episode of the tragedy. Maltby was passionately fond of the woman, but, for some reason or another, he dare not reveal to the world the secret of her death.

And so he placed a pillow under her head in the empty bath and covered her body with a sheet.

## BED ON FLOOR.

For day after day, week after week, month after month, he lived in the ill-ventilated and mingled house, with the woman lying dead a few feet away.

His own bedroom was next door to the room of death, but, to the amazement of the detectives, there was in the same room a make-shift bed on the floor.

It bore the appearance of having been something recently occupied, and there was also a book on which were the dried remnants of a meal.

In Maltby's own room—the room in which he shot himself with a Webley revolver as the detectives dashed up the staircase—was an oil-stove, and it was here, close to the body of the woman he loved, that the man had cooked his food, lived and slept for months.

## 1,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

At night time the only other light he had was from an electric torch and an occasional fire.

It was generally believed when the police, anxious to discover the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Middleton, besieged the house that Maltby had laid in a huge supply of food.

That was not so. *The Daily Mirror* understands that when the defectives searched the place they failed to find a single ounce of food. There were hundreds of empty wine and spirit bottles and nearly 1,000 rounds of revolver ammunition.

It is not thought, say the doctors, that Maltby had been feverish for quite a week.

Besides the notes which Maltby left behind him suggesting that Mrs. Middleton committed suicide was one other dramatic find.

It was a sporting gun, which had belonged to his father. The position in which the weapon was found and other facts leave not the slightest doubt that before shooting himself with the revolver Maltby had vainly endeavoured to commit suicide with the gun. The weapon, however, would not apparently go off.

## HUSBAND SENT FOR.

### Mr. Middleton to Leave Ship at First Port of Call for London.

Mr. Middleton, the husband of the dead woman, who is chief officer on the steamer *Maresfield*, has been requested by the police to leave his ship at the next port of call and to return home in order to assist the coroner in clearing up the mystery.

He is to be home in time to meet a week before this important witness can be expected in London.

While the coroner may decide to open his inquiry into the deaths of Maltby and the woman almost immediately, the proceedings will be purely formal and the inquest will be adjourned until a late date to permit the attendance of Mr. Middleton.

Mr. Middleton went to live at Gerrards Cross in a large, well-furnished apartment, and later moved into a villa.

During her residence there, which continued for some time, she is stated to have lived a very gay life.

## SICK BED MESSAGE.

### Who Refused to Let "Other Woman" Visit Ailing Husband.

A husband's request to his wife, when he was expected not to recover from influenza, to inform the "other woman" was related in the Divorce Court yesterday.

Mrs. Susanna Harman, of Brighton-road, Surbiton, said that when she was nursing her husband she asked her to write and tell a Miss Harriet Eliza Disney about his illness, and, as she refused, he scribbled a few lines and addressed them to her.

The following day Miss Disney came to the house, and she refused to admit her. When he recovered her husband made a statement.

## HELPING POOR CLERGYMEN.

The diocese of Manchester is launching a scheme for increasing all benefits which fall below £300 a year to clergymen.

The capital sum required for carrying this into effect is £73,000. It is hoped ultimately to increase all benefits in the diocese to £400 per annum.

## FATAL GAS TAPS.

### Coroner on Necessity for Using Checks.

## READING IN BED.

"No person should have a gas tap without a proper check, as there is nothing to indicate when the gas is turned off," said Mr. Ingleby Oddie at an inquest at Lambeth yesterday on Dorothy Oxford Stretton, twenty-six, of York-road, who died from coal gas poisoning.

Her father, Mr. William Stretton, a tobacconist, said that on Sunday evening she said she would go upstairs and read in bed. On Monday morning he went upstairs and on entering his daughter's bedroom was met by a volume of gas.

He found the girl on the bed dead and only partially dressed. The gas burner, which was still delivering gas, was an ordinary one, but the tap had no check. He had to turn off the gas of this and all the other gas taps in the house had checks. There was a book by the side of his daughter's bed.

In recording a verdict of Accidental Death, the coroner said that nothing could be more dangerous than gas taps without proper checks, and they ought not to be allowed now, when it was notorious that coal gas, owing to the addition of water gas, was more poisonous than in the pre-war gas days.

## AIR CRASH VICTIMS.

### One Mechanic Out of Danger—Burnett Still Unconscious.

It was found on inquiry at Bushey Heath Hospital yesterday that Air-Mechanic Burnett, who was among the men injured in the air fatality at Stammore, was still unconscious, and his condition remained critical.

Samuel Hawke, who is suffering from internal injuries, is about the same as he was when admitted.

Harry Picken is improving, and considered to be out of danger.

## A BOY'S BEST FRIEND.

### Baronet's Eloquent Tribute to His Mother's Love.

That, although he was forty-two, he had remained single because he had never met a woman whom he loved more than his mother, was the confession made yesterday by Sir George Beaumont, Bart.

He was speaking to his tenantry at their annual dinner at Coleorton, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and he referred to his mother Lady Beaumont who was met with ringing cheers.

"Mothers are always biased in favour of their boys, and quite rightly so," said the Willeston magistrate yesterday. "I don't know what some modern boys would do if their mothers were not biased in their favour."

## EARL'S DAUGHTER WEDS.

### Six Months' Honeymoon in East Africa Shooting Big Game.

Silver grey was the unusual shade chosen for her four bridesmaids by Lady Mary Egerton, daughter of the late Sir Elton of Wilton and of Mary, Lady Wilton, who was married to Mr. R. B. Boyd yesterday at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

The bride, who was given away by the Hon. George Egerton, wore a draped white satin dress with long sleeves, a train of silver and velvet patterned frieze, and carried a white velvet prayer-book instead of flowers.

For their honeymoon Mr. and Lady Mary Egerton will spend six weeks in East Africa on a shooting expedition and to pay a visit to the bride's mother, Mariota Countess of Wilton.

Deep red roses allied to peach-coloured violets and dresses were worn by four bridesmaids who attended Miss Dorothy Wood at her marriage at the Brompton Oratory yesterday to Captain H. J. Bamford, of Oldfields Hall, Uttoxeter. The bride's dress had a silver train lined with rose pink.

## RUNAWAY WIFE.

### Told Husband That He Valued Money More Than He Did Her.

A husband's restitution suit was heard in the Divorce Court yesterday, when a decree was granted to Lieutenant William George Gould, now serving with the R.A.F. at Manston, Kent.

Mr. Gould said that his wife unexpectedly went to Canada in 1920. The following year he asked her to return, sending her £55 for the journey.

She did not come, and said that his refusal to give her extra money had proved that he valued money more than he did her.

"I guess you will think this a strange letter," she wrote, "after those previous sent by me. I had then quite a different opinion of you. The money you sent I am keeping."

## WIFE'S CHINESE ROOF GARDEN.

### Tale of Watch on Husband and Other Woman.

## WEST END SCENE.

### "Dearest Betty" Note That Ended in Divorce Court.

Amazing London street scenes between husband and wife were described in the Divorce Court yesterday, when Mrs. Dorothy Emily Crawford, of Lake Como, Italy, was granted a decree nisi owing to her husband's cruelty and misconduct.

Mrs. Crawford said that her husband made a disturbance outside the Labour Ministry because she refused him money, and another time knocked her down in Leicester-square.

While they were living in Tientsin, China, she surprised him writing a letter which began "Dearest Betty."

From her Chinese roof-garden, Mrs. Crawford said she saw a woman in her husband's arms in a passing motor-car.

## BETTY OF TIENSIN.

### How Wife Watched Her Husband in Other Woman's Motor-Car.

Her marriage, said Mrs. Crawford, took place at Tonbridge in 1912, and she had two children. Her married life was unhappy, and there were disagreements over money affairs.

Her husband had a very violent temper, and had struck her.

In 1917 she lived at Addiscombe, and there he made demands for money, and threatened her and tried to strangle her.

At the same time he was Minister of Labour in London, and on one occasion he rang her up at the Ministry and demanded money. She refused to supply him, and he came and created a scene outside and called her abusive names in the presence of a crowd which collected.

Another time, when they were walking in Leicester-square, her husband was accosted by a woman, and when she (Mrs. Crawford) asked him to give her his hand and her arm and ankle were hurt.

Subsequently he got a position in China, and she joined him there. In November, 1920, she surprised him writing a letter, and on seeing her he crumpled the letter up and threw it away.

## "DEAREST BETTY" NOTE.

She later recovered it and found it began, "Dearest Betty," and made an appointment for the afternoon.

Betty was a Mrs. Elizabeth Fiske Leitch, a woman who started on the fringe of society in Tientsin and was gradually ostracised.

There was a roof garden to their house in Tientsin, said Mrs. Crawford, and while sitting up there with the children's nurse, she frequently saw her husband go to Mrs. Leitch's house, where he used to stay two or three hours.

One evening in May she was on the verandah and saw Mrs. Leitch's motor-car go down to the town. She went out, and later saw Mrs. Leitch and Mr. Crawford returning in it, Mrs. Leitch being in Mr. Crawford's arms.

In November, 1921, she met her husband accidentally in London. He confessed to his relations with Mrs. Leitch, and asked for forgiveness. She refused.

## OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lighting-up time to-day is 5.13 p.m.

Tainted cocktails caused three cases of paratyphoid fever in South Wales.

The Duke of York last night attended a ball at King's Hall, Hackney, in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children.

Six smallpox cases were reported yesterday at Langley Mill, Derbyshire. Only two Southwark cases are now under treatment.

Golf Ball Kills.—A golf ball played from the Aldershot links killed a hare which was being hunted by the Aldershot Command beagles.

Lived with Broken Neck.—Bernard Jackson, sixty-eight, of Sholing (Hants), lived for twelve days after breaking his neck by a fall downstairs.

Sir L. W. Evans Robbed.—While playing tennis at Cannes, Sir L. Worthington-Evans was robbed of his pocket-book containing £80.—Reuter.

Playful Push Fatal.—Alfred Folkard, seventeen, riding a bicycle at Colchester, was playfully pushed by his sweetheart and was thrown under an omnibus and killed.

Her Hundredth Birthday.—Mrs. Mary Phillips, of Blundellsands, who has just celebrated her hundredth birthday, has over fifty grand and great-grandchildren.

Blind Preacher Dead.—Blind from infancy, the Rev. Mr. Evans, who used to walk unaccompanied nine miles to preach on Sundays, has died at Pensarn aged seventy-eight.

Judge's Old Coat—"If I damaged my coat and it was mended, I would never be able to wear it again," said Judge Cluer at Shoreditch yesterday.

# RUHR AREA OCCUPIED BY 40,000 FRENCH TROOPS

Proclamation of Martial Law Expected in Essen—Quick German Reprisals.

## DELIVERIES OF COAL TO ALLIES STOPPED

Treaty To Be Declared Inoperative and Strike To Be Started on Monday.

France—supported by Belgium—occupied the Ruhr industrial area of Germany yesterday, when 40,000 troops marched into Essen and surrounding places.

Infantry, artillery and cavalry, in full war kit and accompanied by tanks and armoured cars, began the advance at dawn.

Germany threatens that, by way of reprisals, the Peace Treaty will be declared inoperative and negotiations broken off with the Reparations Commission. A strike will be ordered to begin on Monday.

Martial law, says Reuter, is to be declared in Essen almost immediately. Transportation of coal to the Allies ceased yesterday by order of the Berlin Government.

## ARMY'S MARCH AT DAWN INTO GERMAN TERRITORY.

Tanks and Guns with Full War Equipment.

### NO DISTURBING INCIDENT.

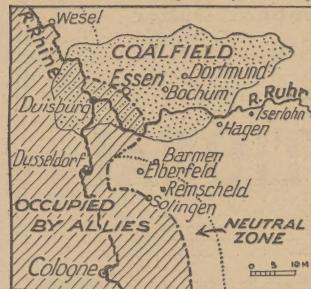
PARIS, Thursday.

The advance guard of the French troops arrived at Essen at ten o'clock to-day without any untoward incident.

Troops, accompanied by artillery and tanks, have also taken possession of the districts around Essen.

General Degoutte is posting proclamations in occupied Ruhr towns in terms similar to the Franco-Belgian Note to Berlin, appealing to the wisdom of the population, especially the workmen, to avoid incidents, and expressing the hope that the relations between the troops and civilians may be as friendly in the Ruhr as in the Rhineland.—Exchange.

An official announcement issued here says:—French troops started this morning in the direction of Essen. At 3 p.m. they will occupy



Map showing the rich industrial district which is the scene of the Franco-Belgian advance.

Brunhausen, Gelsenkirchen, Essen, Werden and Ratingen are two divisions of infantry and one of cavalry, under the command of Colonel Henrys, and under the direction of General Degoutte.

A Belgian detachment is accompanying them. French units from the frontier garrisons are taking the place of the Ruhr occupation corps in the Rhineland.—Reuter.

ESSEN, Thursday.

Contrary to expectations, the movement of French troops from the border did not start until five o'clock this morning.

A considerable force of cavalry, accompanied by a large number of tanks and field guns, armoured cars, lorries and cyclists, moved out along the direct road to Essen via Kettwig.

Simultaneously the Belgians moved out of Duisburg, proceeding via Muelheim, accompanied by a considerable body of French infantry and an armoured column.

The force is expected to number about 40,000—a most imposing array of troops, having the fullest war equipment, even to gas masks.

After a mass meeting last night, when 10,000 persons passed a resolution protesting against this "fresh violation of the Treaty of Versailles," crowds paraded the streets.

Some excitement was caused outside the Kaiserhof Hotel, where a number of foreign Press correspondents are staying, following upon the throwing of a bottle by someone in the crowd.

Herr Luther, the burgermeister, succeeded in averting an unpleasant incident.—Reuter.

## BRITISH TROOPS LIKELY TO STAY ON RHINE.

Cabinet Meet to Discuss Paris Conference.

### THE PREMIER'S REPORT.

The Prime Minister presided yesterday morning at a meeting of the Cabinet at 10, Downing-street and presented a report upon the Paris Conference.

Among those present were the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Robert Sanders, Mr. Bridgeman and Sir Philip Lloyd Greame. Lord Derby, who had not yet reached London from Cannes, was a notable absentee.

The situation in the Ruhr district was examined, but it is understood that no decisions were taken which might involve marked variation in British policy in relation to France's determination to advance.

There is as yet no indication that the Government intends to withdraw the British troops of occupation from the Rhineland, and it was emphasised that such a course is still regarded as improbable.

Consideration was also given to the position which has arisen in consequence of the spread of the rent strike from Glasgow to England, and some form of legislation is in contemplation which will have the effect of legalising the position.

It was stated in Downing-street yesterday that it is Britain's policy to make it impossible for the French to return from the new zone with the minimum of embarrassment should they ever desire to do so. Meanwhile, Britain will remain passive.

### GERMAN REPRISALS.

Peace Treaty To Be Declared Void—Short Strike from Monday.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.

The Belgian Government has decided to take the following measures immediately after the French occupation is accomplished:—

(a) The Peace Treaty will be declared broken and its execution declared inoperative.

(b) Germany will not longer negotiate with the Reparations Commission unless this injustice is removed.

(c) The use of alcoholic liquors will be reduced.

(d) Sunday next will be declared National Mourning Day.

Industrialists are said to be unwilling to put any material at the disposal of the French. Only the lower employees of the mines, who have not the slightest notion of management, remain in Essen, having the order not to lend the French engineers a helping hand.

The executive of the Ruhr-Westphalia labour organisations have decided to proclaim on Monday a short strike throughout the whole industrial district.—Exchange.

### TOBACCO MILLIONS.

Net Profits of British-American Company £4,400,738 for Year.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen, Bart., presiding yesterday at the annual meeting of the British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, said that the net profits of the company for the year amounted to £4,400,738.

With the sum brought forward from last year added, the net disposal balance of approximately four and three-quarter millions.

The final dividend of 9 per cent. for the year made a total of 25 per cent. upon the ordinary shares.

He trusted that the shareholders would consider that satisfactory.



MISS KATHERINE MANSFIELD, the English author of "Marriage à la Mode" and other short stories, whose death has just been announced.



King Constantine I of Greece, whose death has just been announced.

## EXILED KING TINO'S DEATH IN PALERMO.

Monarch Who Was Twice Forced to Abdicate.

### CRUSHED BY TURKS.

Ambition of Conquest That Ended at Smyrna.

PALERMO, Thursday.

Ex-King Constantine of Greece died suddenly at eleven o'clock this morning from cerebral hemorrhage.

The news caused quite a sensation in the town. While living a retired life, his Majesty had been going out for walks and visiting some families of the local aristocracy, so that he had become more or less a familiar figure in Palermo.

Queen Sophie and his daughters, the Crown Princess of Rumania and Princess Irene and the ex-King Constantine had the unusual experience of being twice called to the throne and twice forced to abdicate.

He succeeded his father, King George of Greece, who was shot in the street by a madman, on March 18, 1917.

Only a fortnight before the assassination of his father, Tino, as Crown Prince, led the Greek troops in triumph into the fallen fortress of Janina.

It was this Balkan campaign which gave Constantine his reputation as a great soldier—a reputation which was finally shattered last year when his army was routed by the Kemalists.

The Greek defeat led to his second and final abdication. He and his family left Oropos, about twenty miles north of Athens, by moonlight on the night of October 7.

### VARYING NEUTRALITY.

During the war the ex-King's neutrality was equivocal, to say the least. In the early days he expected "Gemania" kultur" to prevail, and he was known to exchange messages of sympathy with his brother-in-law, the Kaiser.

Subsequently, however, he began to veer towards the Allies.

Internal disruption brought about his first abdication in June, 1917. His abdication was hailed with relief by his own people, as well as the Allies. He nominated his son, Prince Alexander, to succeed him.

When the Venizelos Government fell towards the end of 1917, he joined Athens with protestations of friendship for the Allies. His return was the outcome of a plebiscite which showed a great majority in favour of his being invited to reascend the throne.

Within seven or eight months of his return to Athens he declared war on the Turks. For a time things went well. His ambitions of conquest came to an end in the debacle at Smyrna, and shortly afterwards Greece knew him no more.

### BEER 2D. A PINT LESS?

Trade Official on Inadequacy of a Penny Reduction.

"No importance can be attached to the statement that a remission of beer duty sufficient to reduce the price of beer by 1d. a pint has been decided on," Mr. P. C. Morgan, hon. secretary of the National Trade Defence Association, said yesterday.

The public, as Mr. Baldwin well knows, demands a substantial reduction, and they would not care regard anything less than 2d. That would still leave the average price of beer at about double the pre-war cost."

### KATHERINE MANSFIELD.

Death of Well-Known Writer of Stories of Real sm.

Miss Katherine Mansfield, the writer of short stories and wife of Mr. J. Middleton Murry, has died at Fontainebleau.

Her first book, a collection of short stories, entitled, "In a German Pension," received a success d'estime when can "Bliss," another group of short stories. The public recognised the quality of her writing, which revealed her as a stern realist, and the book ran into many editions.

Her third and last book, "The Garden Party," also became immensely popular, although there was still a proportion of people who decried her realism as sordidness.

She was born in Wellington, New Zealand, but the major portion of her life was spent in Europe. Her real name was Katherine Beauchamp.

### THAMES BEGINS TO FALL.

Better weather prevails along the Thames Valley, and the river has made its first lowering, a drop of a few inches being noticeable yesterday at Shepperton.



ERNEST BARRY.

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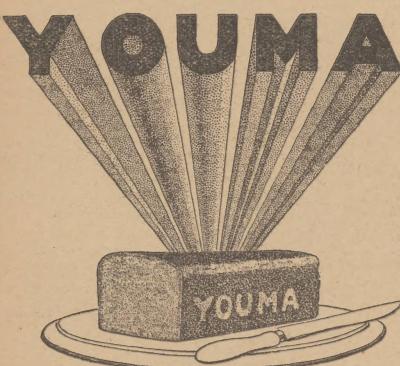
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## KING CONSTANTINE.

CONSTANTINE of Greece has not long survived his exile.

With his death ends a strange and troubled chapter in the story of the Near East.

Probably it is too soon to estimate justly the part he played in the affairs of a miserably misguided country.

Throughout the war his German attachments brought him under the suspicion of secretly opposing and undermining our cause.

But, indeed, Allied action upon Greece, and Western interference with Greek affairs, has for long been so fatuous that it is conceivable that future revelations may throw a new light upon his attitude—especially when the official world here has shaken off its obsession in favour of M. Venizelos.

That at least is the view put forward by a well-instructed writer, Mr. Abbott, in his challenging book "Greece and the Allies," where the whole course of our negotiations is reviewed from the opening of the war almost to the beginning of Greece's last attempt to realise the imperialistic ambitions to which we, alas, helped to urge her.

In that last adventure of folly King Constantine took part. He vanished with its failure.

The future only can show how far he was directly responsible for guiding his distracted country to her final collapse.

## TABLE TENNIS.

ENTRIES for our Table Tennis Championship close on Monday. We hope that none of our readers who have fallen to the fascination of this best of indoor games have failed to send in their names. For this will certainly be one of the most exciting championships ever organised by a newspaper.

It will be exciting, partly because the chances will be so equal.

The great advantage of table tennis, indeed, is that it provides so fine an opportunity for all—for men, women and children alike.

It does not require the immense muscular violence of modern lawn tennis. The athlete, therefore, has no necessary advantage over others. It demands speed and skill, which can be acquired by practice. Our championship will be a splendid lesson, as well as a great amusement, to all enthusiasts.

## MOTHERS AND SONS.

FOND mothers are often blamed for showing "a bias in favour of their sons," remarked a magistrate yesterday, and it was rather cynically added: "If they didn't forgive their boys everything, who else would?"

We have only to ask next whether this constant prepossession isn't at times rather bad for bad boys, and whether such tender love isn't often poorly rewarded.

There are observers who say that the old type of severe parents—those who never "spared the rod"—were better loved by their children than the excuse-finding and indulgent fathers and mothers of to-day.

In some cases it probably was so, but that the companionship of mother and son may be the fairest of human relationships remains true also. And it was pleasantly proclaimed anew by a speech made to his tenants yesterday by Sir George Beaumont, who remarked that he has never married because he has never yet found a companion so perfect as his mother.

Perhaps marriageable girls will think this overdoing it. For the best husbands are those who have been the best sons.

## THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

### Capital Punishment—The Strain of Modern Life—Dangerous Toys—Bad Poetry.

#### MODERN LIFE.

SURELY one thing makes modern life more of a strain than life in the eighteenth century—that is, the noise of our existence to-day. Life was much quieter a century ago.

Anyone who walks through London to-day must find his nerves gradually affected by the roar of motor traffic.

And what will it be like when we have thousands of aeroplanes buzzing over our heads?

Nervous.

#### WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

WITH your kind permission, I would like to challenge the statement that capital punishment does not agree with religious principles.

To establish my opposition, I refer your "misinformed" reader to Chapter IX. of Genesis, verse vi., which runs:—

"Whoso sheddest man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." ERIC DERNBERG.

#### "A HIGHER POWER."

LET me remind your correspondent "J. M. G." who suggests that it is sufficient to know, in a case of murder, that "due reparation will be exacted by a Higher Power," that

## THE FASCINATION OF TABLE TENNIS.



assassinated on lonely roads in those days, but this man did not travel about sufficiently to risk this fate.

R. L.

#### LYRIC WRITERS.

MAY I be allowed to suggest that English lyric writers of to-day should receive more encouragement, both from the musical world and the general concert-loving public, than has been the case in years past?

Their remuneration, when compared with that of the composer and publishers, is considerably out of proportion—especially when one bears in mind that the composer often receives his inspiration from the beauty of the poem, and the publisher reaps the reward of the popularity of the song.

Apart from royalties and such matters, I do think that both parties should share in the honour of production of works of particular sentimental beauty, and I would suggest that in future the name of the poet should be printed in brackets after that of the composer on all concert programmes, publishers' lists, etc.

A MUSIC LOVER.

Dekker-road, Dulwich.

#### TOO MECHANICAL?

MANY thanks for your warning cartoon on this subject. I am against children being allowed to have either ugly or explosive toys.

In fact, I am rather doubtful as to whether mechanical toys are not bad for children. A child's imagination needs training. The time will come for any boy or girl to be interested in modern machinery.

A CAREFUL FATHER.

## THE LOST ART OF MATCH-MAKING.

### WHY SCHEMING MOTHERS CAN NO LONGER SUCCEED.

#### By A DAUGHTER.

AT one time the match-making mother was a very familiar figure.

We all knew her. Eligible daughters knew her only too well.

She was obsessed by the one idea of getting her girl married.

At first it was to be to no one—but a titled, blue-blooded husband, and then, eventually, in sheer desperation, she was driven to clutch at every available man as a drowning person at a straw.

Her tactless methods made her aim obvious.

She was jealous of every acquaintance whose daughters were married—even engaged—and she was often guilty of such little instances of petty spite as omitting to offer congratulations, neglecting to buy presents, and declining to attend the wedding.

But is she as much in evidence to-day?

She may, and very probably does, still exist. Some mothers honestly believe it their duty to bring about a match which is all that could be desired in their own eyes; but surely we do not come across them so often, and eligible daughters are not "hawking round the marriage market" quite as much as they were.

Why?

The match-making mother was a very ingenious person—in her own estimation. How is it that she did not continue to flourish?

#### NO CHAPERMEN!

Undoubtedly she first began to lose ground when daughters dispensed with chaperons. The girl of to-day would, in all probability, know a good deal about a man before her mother knew anything at all.

Of what use is it, then, to say "the friendship must cease" simply because he does not possess a title or because his prospects are not of the brightest?

To check matters with any success they must be "nipped in the bud." The match-making mother could only hold her own when it remained with her to "nip" or foster as she pleased.

But here is an even better reason for the failure of the match-making mother. Men won't stand her!

And in these days of surplus women we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that it is the men who can afford to pick and choose.

They are not going to have any daughters—eligible or otherwise—thrown at them by scheming mothers.

After all, what chance has any girl—or any man, for that matter—of her or his romance being realised under forced conditions? The most ardent admirer is choked off after a month and the more casual acquaintance has had quite enough at the end of a fortnight.

To-day, with girls in business flying off to town in the morning and not returning until evening, most mothers see too little of their daughters to be over-anxious for them to marry and leave home.

And so the match-making mother is no more!

I don't think many people will regret her.

And she, too, ought not to regret the lapse of her functions. For very often she was bitterly blamed for the non-success of the matches she "made."

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JAN. 11.—The common sweet briar (eglantine) should be found in every garden; it can be grown as a bush or planted to form a hedge.

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Mr. R. H. Spooner, the famous cricketer, whose wife has had a son. She was formerly Miss Lowthorp of Luterdorp.

### "TINO."

**The Worst Poem? — Sermon Brevity — German Films and Plays.**

**THE EX-KING OF GREECE**, universally known by the diminutive "Tino," which was the Kaiser's invention, died yesterday at his home in the Ritz Hotel, Paris. He was admitted, with but few friends outside his family circle. And there also a curious rivalry existed, for while the ex-Queen was morose and downcast in exile, "Tino" did not seem to feel his position at all. His behaviour was that of a happy hotel guest, bent on making the best of what the day's amusements offered.

#### Special Terms.

The Villa Igica at Palermo, to which Tino went after his second abdication, is an hotel, and it is said that he secured special terms owing to the increased custom which his presence was likely to bring to the establishment. He was accompanied by a suite of twenty faithful followers who paid their own expenses.

#### Famous Hotel.

At the Palermo Hotel, which stands on a rocky portion of Sicily, much famed as a beauty spot, the ex-King had five rooms to himself. He used to go to the races, and in the evening he invariably played bridge in the public drawing-room. The late King Edward and Queen Alexandra once paid a visit to this same hotel.

#### A Real Conservative.

The Earl of Lonsdale is undoubtedly a real Conservative at heart, for I saw him dining at the Carlton the other night at the same table that he has invariably occupied ever since the place was opened! I noticed he keeps the deep points to his white waistcoat—which many men are now discarding—and, of course, he was faithful to his white flower buttonhole.

#### Yesterday's Wedding.

The wedding reception yesterday afternoon for Lady Mary Egerton and Mr. R. B. Boyd was held by the Countess of Wilton at her house in Park-street, Grosvenor-square. The house, which is not a large one, was very full. The guests toasted the happy pair in bumper of champagne, and the bride replied very prettily. The Wilton residence is decorated in the latest style. The dining-room is jade green and the drawing-room a bright yellow.

#### The Oldest Newspaper.

*Lloyd's List*, as I stated the other day, is claimed to be the oldest newspaper with the exception of the *London Gazette*, but a correspondent writes to tell me of an older paper still, namely the *Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury*, founded in 1695 and still enjoying a "wide circulation" in the eastern Midlands.

#### Popular Novelist's Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Locke make their home on the Continent nowadays, with Aix-les-Bains for their summer and Cannes their winter headquarters. They are giving a dance at the latter place in honour of Miss Sheila Baines, the young girl they have been taking about with them for the past two or three seasons.

#### Lucky Girl.

Miss Baines is not related to the Lockes, as many people imagine, but is the second daughter of Mrs. Baines of Clanricarde Gardens, who is a journalist. Miss Baines has been given a splendid time by Mr. and Mrs. Locke, and is much attracted by Continental life on the fashionable scale.



Mrs. W. J. Locke.

# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

#### M. Coué's Bust.

Before going to America M. Coué invited Mr. Jo Davidson, the famous American sculptor, who now lives in Paris and who has portrayed nearly all the best-known people in Europe, to visit him at Nancy. Mr. Davidson has done a bust of the famous doctor, and it has been sent to the States to be exhibited there during Dr. Coué's stay.

#### Siki's Lunch

Battling Siki is now appearing at one of the big Paris music halls, my correspondent tells me, but there is little enthusiasm for his turn among the audiences. The boxer gives a sparring exhibition, and tells the audience what a big appetite he has. At one meal among other things he polishes off a chicken and a couple of rabbits.

#### Rostand Trilogy.

"The Phoenix," Maurice Rostand's new play, produced in Paris this week, is the second of a trilogy. The first was "Glory," in which Sarah Bernhardt appeared last year, and the third is "The Sphinx," in which the great tragedienne was hoping to appear in her own theatre later in the year. One of the scenes in "The Phoenix" is laid in a theatre star's bedroom, and the bedroom of a famous Parisian actress, with all its luxury, has been reproduced on the stage.

#### Room to Entertain.

The Hon. Mrs. Robert Lindsay is to come into the limelight as a dance hostess on a big scale, for she has just purchased Lord Dartmouth's large mansion in Charles-street, Berkeley-square, and as soon as it can be got ready will entertain there for her son and daughter. The latter, Miss Joyce Lindsay, came "out" a couple of years ago.

#### Cot Farm.

Mrs. Lindsay is a widow, and has lived for some time at her house in Charles-street, which is almost opposite her prospective new abode. During the war she lent it for an officers' hospital. One of her hobbies is a trifle unusual—goat farming.

#### German Film Activity.

The Germans are working hard to make Berlin the film centre of the world, says the *Film Renter*, a cinematograph trade paper which has been investigating conditions. The German studios are full of activity. Not only are German producers busy, but English companies are utilising Berlin studios to make pictures, attracted by efficient studio organisation and the low rate of exchange. The Germans sell their goods in any currency except marks!

#### Super-History.

The Germans have produced some lavishly staged films, which will be shortly seen over here, the biggest being "Monna Vanna," Maeterlinck's play. Another super-production is "Lucrezia Borgia," in which Lucrezia is presented as a charming young woman, while other films well spoken of are "Peter the Great," based on Russian history, and "The Earl of Essex" alleged to be based on English history, but "improved" by the introduction of a happy ending!

#### Foreign Musical Plays.

London theatrical managers continue to show faith in foreign musical plays and foreign performers, though it is difficult to understand why, for there hasn't been a foreign success for years, except where the superlative quality of the British artist has come to the rescue. "The Last Waltz," for instance, is a personal triumph for José Collins and nothing else.

#### Safety First!

The excuse used to be that in the bad state of theatrical trade it was a measure of precaution for the London manager to buy a piece that had already been a success in some foreign capital. But we have now reached the stage when our managers commission foreigners to compose original musical plays for London. Let us hope at least that we shall be spared Turkish tenors and middle-aged Continental soubrettes.

#### What's in a Sermon?

Apropos of Queen Victoria's preference for short sermons, a story is told of a clergyman commanded to preach before her to whom a Court functionary gave the hint that, if he could keep his discourse within a ten-minutes' limit, her Majesty would be pleased. "But what?" gasped the preacher, "can I possibly say in ten minutes?" "That," replied the Court functionary, "will be a matter of indifference to her Majesty."

#### The Critic in the Pew.

Queen Elizabeth had her own way of dealing with sermons of which she did not approve. In his "Short History of the English People" J. R. Green recalls how when Dean Nowell was denouncing from the pulpit the use of images the Queen called out, "Leave that alone, stick to your text, Master Dean, leave that alone."

#### Origin of Picture Postcards.

The appearance of the ex-Kaiser's wedding picture postcard may remind us that the first picture postcards were issued during the Franco-German war. They were provided at one of the French camps for the benefit of illiterate conscripts from Brittany, and thousands of them were sold to officers as well as men.

#### Memel.

Memel, which is now threatened with a little war of its own, was, in 1915, the scene of a Cossack raid. Our histories of the war make no mention of the incident, which occurred on the eve of Mackensen's drive in Galicia; but the German papers raised a terrible outcry about it at the time.

#### Irish Records!

An Irish correspondent tells me that gramophone records in the Irish language have now been placed on the market. Moreover, many fervent patriots are arranging to learn the language of the Gael through the medium of the gramophone.



Miss Adrienne Birnie, P.R.A., who has designed the scenes for Sir J. Martin Harvey's "Via Crucis."



Sir A. S. Webb, P.R.A., who has designed the scenes for Sir J. Martin Harvey's "Via Crucis."

#### Essen.

It is hard to think of Essen, now about to be occupied by the French, as a walled city ruled by a princess abbess, but that is what the place originally was. Indeed, the last princess abbess of Essen died less than a hundred years ago—in 1826.

#### Krupp's Secret.

Industrial Essen owes its rise to Alfred Krupp who, at the age of fourteen, inherited a valuable industrial secret—that of making cast steel—as a legacy from his father. At once he left school and set to work on it, living on a very meagre stipend. "For my toil and pains at such an early age," he said afterwards, "I had no reward but the consciousness of doing my duty." Later, however, his reward was more than ample.

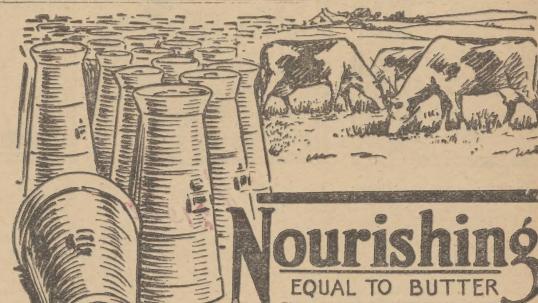
#### Actors' Suburb.

East Sheen has just acquired a distinguished new resident in Sir John Martin Harvey, who moved in a few days ago. The district appears to have a peculiar fascination for actors, and Sir John will have as near neighbours Mr. Frederick Volpe and Mr. Clifford Mollison. Mr. Franklyn Dyall at one time lived at East Sheen.

#### The Polka Again.

I hear that the old-fashioned polka is reappearing at private dances. Its turn on the programme is always given a warm welcome, and not only by the youngsters. A real good polka romp is said to be as good for the liver as an hour in the saddle!

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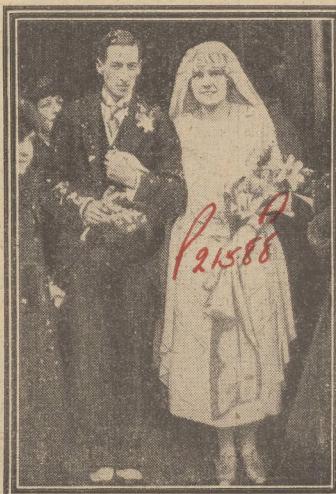
## BRITISH AEROPLANE'S FATAL DIVE

The wrecked aeroplane standing on end and guarded by police after the fatal nose-dive. *P15787*Flight Mechanic E. Burnett, of Kingsbury, who was dangerously injured, being rendered unconscious with a fractured skull. *P15787*Mr. Leslie Arnell, one of the mechanics, who was with the pilot, Captain R. E. K. D. D. F. called 'Instant'. *P15788*Flight Mechanic G. Hawke, of West Hendon, who was rescued from the wrecked aeroplane suffering from internal injuries. *P15788*

Two men, the pilot and a mechanic, were killed in an accident to an aeroplane which crashed near Stanmore, Middlesex, after leaving Stag-lane Aerodrome, Edgware, for a test flight, with a pilot and four mechanics aboard. The machine appeared to nose-dive from a height of 300 feet.



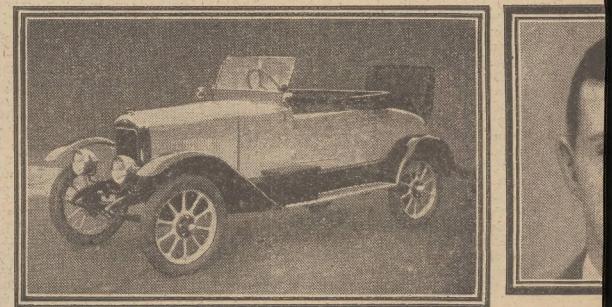
YOUNG HOPEFULS.—Two tiny tots who entered for the polka competition at the children's matinee held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms in aid of the Blind Babies' Homes.

DUBLIN WEDDING.—Dr. F. W. A. Stott and his bride, Kathleen Florence, daughter of Sir James and Lady Percy, married at the Presbyterian Church, Adelaide-road, Dublin. *P15788*

## RIVIERA TENNIS—ON THE COU

Lord Charles Hope and Miss Hunnewell study the score sheets between sets. *P15788*Lady Dashwood and Miss Ryan (right) getting ready to start a game. *P15788*Mr. Richard Viner, Miss Chamberlain. *P15788*

On the lawn tennis courts at Cannes, now thronged with people well known

GREEK REVOLUTION LEADERS.—Colonel Plastaris (left) and Colonel Gonatas, leaders of the revolutionary movement in Greece, entering Athens in triumph. *P15788*

One of the motor-cars also given as prizes.

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Monday next is the final date on which entries will be accepted for the All-England Table Tennis Championships organised by

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## S AT CANNES



Miss Betty and Miss Sheila Baines.  
Betty and in lawn tennis circles.

## RESTITUTION



A studio portrait of Mrs. Parriss.



Mrs. Elsie Parriss, of Edgware, outside the Law Courts yesterday after being granted an order for the restitution of conjugal rights.—(Daily Mirror.)

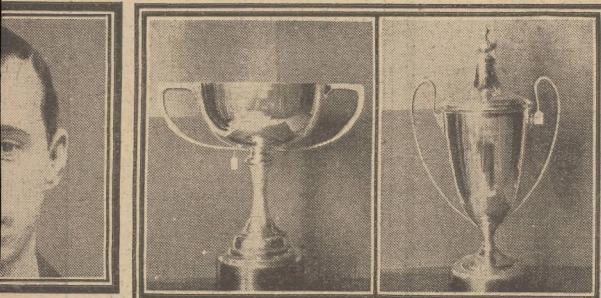
## SONS' TRIBUTES TO THEIR MOTHERS



Sir George Beaumont, Bart. (on right), who in a speech to his tenantry said he had remained single because he had never met a woman whom he loved more than his mother. Inset is Mrs. Houghton, of Mansfield, the ninety-four years old mother of the M.P. for East Nottingham, described by him as "the best mother in the world."

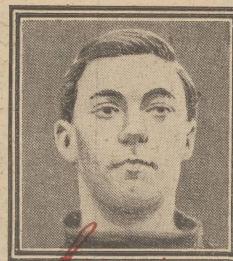


CHILLY ENTHUSIASTS.—Spectators at skating races on Lake Placid, New York, America's winter sports centre, huddled on the stand at the finishing point.



present table  
Great Britain.

The championship cups for men (left) and women. Daily Mirror. Special arrangements, details of which will be found on another page, have been made for eleventh-hour entries. But send yours now!



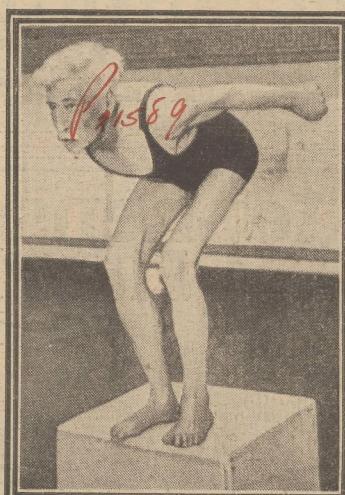
SOLE SURVIVOR.—Harold William Simpson, who was the only survivor of a crew of six aboard the fishing smack Splendour, which recently sank in the North Sea. He was rescued by the Cunard liner Antonia.



£100,000 OFFER.—Jackie Coogan, the seven-years-old film star, has been offered £100,000 cash and 60 per cent. profits to make films for the corporation including Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford.



HOSPITAL GIVEN.—Lord Tredegar, who has given a country mansion between Newport and Cardiff to the King Edward VII War Memorial Association. It will be used as a hospital for tubercular patients.



THE OLDEST SWIMMER?—Dr. Richard Hoyner, of Boston, who claims that at seventy-five years of age he is the oldest active swimmer, and challenges any rivals.



FIFTY-TWO YEARS LIBRARIAN.—Mr. J. Frowde, who has retired after thirty-three years as chief librarian at Bermondsey. He has completed fifty-two years' service in public libraries.



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## PETS AS "BALL-FINDERS."

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### MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—

Most people seem to be playing table tennis these days, and the pets—like you perhaps—hope one day to be "champions" at the game. In order to get a few "tips" Pip, Squeak and Wilfred attended a local table-tennis contest last night, and they were very flattered, on arriving there, to be appointed official "ball-finders." It was not long, however, as you will see, before they were ignominiously (sorry to use such a long word, but I think it's correct) turned out of that interesting position. It was Wilfred's fault, and this is how it happened.

There is no ball, I suppose, that likes hiding itself more under chairs, sofas and other dark and awkward places than a table-tennis ball. It

delights in getting itself lost, so that the players have to spend several minutes searching for it.

Pip and Squeak, who were supposed to collect these balls, were so interested in the game that they forgot to look for them. Little Wilfred, however, found every one, and thought they were being thrown at him for his own especial benefit!

Soon, of course, the players had to stop—there were no more balls. And after a search the little rabbit was found in a corner playing a sort of "marbles" game with the missing ping-pong balls through the hole in his coat.

I am not a champion table-tennis player myself, but, when I do play, I like to remove all chairs, sofas, stools and other objects from the room. Otherwise the game is chiefly "Come and find me," and it is rather tiring to keep crawling about on one's hands and knees.

Yours affectionately,  
Uncle Dick.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Rather Inquisitive Reader Writes to Me.

**A**LMOST every one of the many letters I receive each day contains at least one question, but this week I have had a letter which needs more space than a whole page of riddles! This is what my inquisitive niece (or is it nephew?) says:

"Dear Uncle Dick,—What about Uncle Gus? We never hear anything of him now. Where is he living? In France or England? Have you paid Peter's licence yet? Popski does not appear much now. Have you had any letters concerning him? I have heard nothing to Lorry, the sad plim-pudding dog? Does old Pip still fish? Who can swim the quickest, Pip or Squeak? How old are the pets now? I expect Pip is the eldest. I have not a notion of what I should fancy you are something like this."

(The portrait of a strikingly handsome young man is stuck on to the letter just at that point.) "Am I anywhere near? Are you quite as solemn as that?—Yours truly, G. Deacon."

I think such a persistent questioner deserves an answer. I will answer each question in turn.

**PETER AND POPSKI.**

1. Uncle Gus, I am happy to say, is still in the best of health. He is at present spending a jolly holiday in Switzerland.

2. Yes, I have paid Peter's licence fees.

3. No, I haven't heard of Popski for some time, and I don't want to, thank you.

4.—Loopy, the sad plumpudding dog, called on the pets only the other day. When I met him he was wagging his tail, and from sheer high-heartedness he chased the dustman all round the garden, and bit a piece out of his coat. Loopy is now a "carriage dog"; he rides out with his mistress nearly every day, and I often see him enjoying an airing in the park.

**A FINE SWIMMER.**

5.—Pip is not very fond of fish, although he will eat it when hungry. He prefers a good meaty bone.

6.—Squeak can swim better than either of the other pets.

In fact, she is a beautiful swimmer, and can dive like a seal.

7.—Pip and Squeak are now over four years old, and Wilfred is—but no one knows how old Wilfred is.

8.—Thank you for drawing that charming portrait of me, but I am afraid I don't look a bit like that. My hair does not sweep back like a golden mane; my nose is not nearly so straight and my ear is not near the back of my head, as your picture suggests. No, I hope not!

**SOLUTIONS.**

Did you manage to solve the "hidden names" puzzle I showed you yesterday? Here are the correct answers; you can compare them with your own, and see if you were right.

1. Addy, 2. Bertie, 3. Dick, 4. Mary, 5. Edward, 6. Ellen, 7. Nora, 8. Joan.

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3. Soon a ball shot past the chairs—straight into Wilfred's paws. He was delighted.



4. Pip and Squeak quite forgot their duty as "ball-finders," and Wilfred started a "collection."



5. At last the players had no more balls, and the contest came to a sudden stop.



6. Imagine their indignation when the champions found the little rabbit playing "marbles" with them!

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## LONDON AMUSEMENTS.

**ADELPHI.** "THE ISLAND KING," W. H. BERRY. Nightly, 8.15. Mats, Weds, Sat, 2.15. (Ger. 2645). **ADMIRALTY.** (Ger. 3527) "THE DANCE OF THE DEAD." Wed, 8.30. **ROYAL ALBERT HALL.** "CINDERELLA." Twice Daily, 2.15, 7.30, 5.50, 9.00 to 12.30.

**AMBERLEY.** "THE LADY IN LAVENDER." Nightly, 8.30. Mats, Tues, Fri, Sat, 2.30.

**APOLLO.** (Ger. 7355, 3243) "THROUGH THE CRACK." Xmas Play. Daily, at 2.30. LAST 2 EVENINGS.

**APOLLO.** "THE HAWK OF THE HIGH STREET." Nightly, 8.30. LAST 2 EVENINGS. (Ger. 7355).

**APOLLO.** (Ger. 3243) "PHYLIS NEIL-ONTARIO" in "The Girl Who Would Be Queen." Tues, Weds next, 8.30. **COMEDY.** Every Evening at 8.30. "SECRETS." Fay Compton. Leon Quertermaine. Tues and Sat, 2.30.

**COVENT GARDEN.** British National Opera Co. To-night, 7.30. Marriage of Figaro. Sat, 8.30. Don Juan, 7.45. **CRUFTS.** (Ger. 3527) "THE DOG SHOW." (Last Week). CYRIL MAI-MAU in "THE DIPPIES." (Last Week).

**DALYS.** 8-15. Wed and Sat, 2.15. THE DANCE OF THE DEAD. (See "The Dance of the Dead," above). Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 2.30.

**DRURY LANE.** (Gen. 2588) "DECAMERON NIGHTS." Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 2.30.

**DUNGEON OF YORE.** (See "The Dungeon of Yore," above). **EDWARDIAN BIRD.** TWICE DAILY, at 2.15 and 7.30. (Ger. 513).

**EMPIRE.** (Gen. 3527) Godfrey Tearle in "ALQUEEN." Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 2.30.

**GAETY.** 8-15. JOSE COLLING IN THE LAST WALTZ. By Oscar Straus. Mats, Thurs and Sat, at 2.30.

**GARIBOLDI.** 8.30. "THE BIG BEEFY." Teddie Gerard. Robert Lee. Smoking. (Gen. 497).

**GLOBE.** 8-30. "THE LAUGHING LADY." Marie Lohr. **LAUREL AND HARDY.** Wed, Sat, 2.30.

**GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME.** Thurston Hall in "The Broken Wing." Nightly, 8.30, 8.45. (Imp. 6510).

**HACKNEY COLISEUM.** "THE DOLLY ROAD." Henry Ainley. Mat, Sat, at 2.30. Last Week.

**HAYMARKET.** Wed, Next, at 8. "PLUS FOURS."

**HIPPODROME.** 8-12. "CINDERELLA." Stanley Lupino, Clarie Mayne and Star Cast (Gen. 650).

**HIS MAJESTY'S.** (See "His Majesty's," above).

**HOLBORN EMPIRE.** To-day and Daily, at 2.30. Mats, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 2.30. (Ger. 5367).

**KENSINGTON.** (Clarendon). Twice Daily, 2.30 and 4.30.

**KINGSTON.** 8.15. Mats, Thurs and Sat, 2.30.

**LITTLE.** (Regent 2401) "THE 9 O'CLOCK REVUE." Tues, Wed, Mon, Thurs, Sat, 2.45. Wed, Mat, 7.

**LYCEUM.** (Paragon). "HOBSON'S Choice." Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 2.30. **LYNTHORPE.** A Play with Music. **LYRIC.** 8-30. **LYRIC HAMMERSMITH.** THE BEGGARS' OPERA. Nightly, 8.30. Mats, Wed and Sat, at 2.30.

**MARQUEE.** (See "The Marquee," above).

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# THE WAY OF SACRIFICE

By E. ALMAZ STOUT

## SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.



MRS. WOOD, an invalid not likely to live much longer, is very anxious for her daughter Primrose to marry Sir Stanley Bircham, the Queen's Whilcombe.

To her delight the two become very fond of each other, so much so that their engagement is expected daily. But Helen Dale, a wonderfully beautiful girl, appears on the scene.

Primrose, the girl, appears on the scene. Mrs. Wood's dismay sweeps Sir Stanley right off his feet. Mrs. Wood discovers that Sir Stanley is in love—temporarily, at any rate—with Helen, and for her daughter's sake makes every effort to make Helen Dale go away before it is too late.

She begs her to do this, but the girl refuses. Then Mrs. Wood tells her an amazing story of how Primrose's last will is to go for that to save Sir Stanley.

At first Helen refuses to believe the story, but Mrs. Wood has convincing proof of it in the form of a letter. At last the elder woman makes her terms: "If it is not happiness again for Primrose," she says, "Give her back her lover, and not a word of what I have told you shall ever pass my lips again. If you don't, all the world shall know your father for a traitor and coward he is!"

Helen decides to sacrifice her happiness in order to save her father from disgrace. She writes a letter to Sir Stanley which gives the impression that she can never really care for him.

Mrs. Wood goes to see Primrose married to Sir Stanley, whose proposal was actuated chiefly by sympathy.

As the time goes by Primrose begins to realize that her husband does not really love her. Colonel Wynne, a friend of Stanley's, visits Whilcombe Court.

Primrose decides to leave Whilcombe. She does not tell her husband where she is lodger. After a considerable time Wynne finds Primrose and tries to bring husband and wife together again. He arranges a meeting between them, but Stanley fails to turn up.

He is knocked down by a lorry and very seriously injured about the head. Primrose is summoned in haste to the Nursing Home where Stanley has been taken.

## I HAVE NO WIFE.

YOUTH and skill and ceaseless care had saved Stanley's life. His body had slowly recovered a certain amount of vitality and strength, but his mind remained a blank.

It had been many days before the doctors could see the glimmer of hope, that had been lighted, that lay following the accident, could be kindled into a flame.

When at last Stanley's eyes opened wide to the outside world, he said, in a low, hollow voice: "Where are all the other fellows?"

The nurse was by his side in a moment, the nurse with the sweet, plain face, who had been in close attendance all the time.

"The other fellows are in the next room," she replied soothingly.

He had given vacuous eyes on her, and then turned away again. "Baines!" His voice grew stronger. "Baines, I say, keep your head down! Haven't I told you a hundred times they'll get you if you don't!"

Nurse Field had not served in a military hospital for four and a half years for nothing.

"That's all right, major. Baines is safe enough."

"Good," Stanley's voice fell to a sort of murmur. "Good fellow, Sergeant Baines, can't afford to let him go."

A few minutes later Doctor Treloar was in the room. At Primrose's urgent request he had agreed to look after Stanley, under Sir John's supervision.

The nurse explained the situation in a few words. It was the first time Stanley had spoken, and it was obvious he was back in scenes that had occurred years ago.

Dr. Treloar gave him a soothing dose, which soon sent him to sleep, and the babble of talk and cries ceased.

But as the days went on, the doctor felt more and more dismayed, for it was quite evident that Stanley's brain was badly affected. The whole of the time since he had been wounded by the mine explosion on the Somme in 1917 had been wiped out. He was back, in his belief, in the hospital in which he had awokened in Boulogne.

Any suggestion that he was not brought on each excitement that the doctors insisted that he must not be contradicted.

"You must humour him," Sir John said sternly. "If you don't, I won't answer for the consequences. Let him think it's 1917. Let him think of what he believes are his recent experiences. Don't contradict him."

In this task of humouring him, Dick Wynne became a past master. He had been through so many similar experiences to Stanley, had even spent some months in the same battalion with him, so that, when he referred to men and places he had known before he was wounded, he could do so without fear of making a slip.

One day, however, a night nurse had been taken away suddenly, a telephone message from outside had been engaged. She failed to inform the urgency of her instructions; for when Stanley asked her, during the night, how the war was going on, she carelessly answered that it was over.

His excitement frightened her, and she realised what a false step she had made.

"When did it stop?" he cried. "Great heavens! Don't tell me it stopped because the Germans won!"

"No, no," she answered soothily, alarmed

at the effects of her own inadvertence. "We won't tell the Allies won, of course."

"We?" he tried to sit up in bed with blazing eyes. "But how could we? Did a miracle happen?"

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## A New Home Treatment for Making Straight Hair Wavy and Fluffy.

Many a charming face is spoilt by straight, lank and excessively greasy hair. Naturally curly hair gives a most charming effect to even a plain face, a fact which has unfortunately been known for many years. This knowledge alone has resulted in the ruination of thousands of heads of beautiful hair, by slow torture, from that terrible instrument, the curling iron.

Now, however, you can bring back your hair to its natural state without such treatment. Yet this is the very result you aim at. Well, I have no doubt that each one individually is of the opinion that the results justify the means, but let me tell you that the reckoning will have to be paid, and in a manner which will be far from pleasant.

The twists and curls created by the hot iron are the hair's dying contortions, and it is the result of this that you have no hair left to torture. If it is absolutely necessary to have wavy hair then there is a far more simple and harmless process, which any woman may adopt without fear as to the results. Get from your chemist two ounces of silmerine, and pour about two tablespoonsfuls into a saucer. With a clean toothbrush apply this to the hair upon retiring. You will be quite amazed at the result, and one application will last for many days. Sampans and such have no horrors for you, if you take these simple precautions, and straight, wispy tails will be converted into pretty little curly tails giving a charming effect even to a plain face.

## A PLEASANT REFLECTION.

Some weeks ago she bought a tin of pure Mercerized Wax.

She was in despair about her complexion. Her pretty features ruined by a coarse, muddy skin. No dainty frocks or careful hairdressing could make her look really attractive. She tried a little good rouge.

But Mercerized Wax was different. From the first she saw that it acted on a new principle. She persevered with it. Gradually the old discoloured outer skin was invisibly absorbed by the wax, and a new skin was revealed. Now her complexion is as exquisitely soft and clear as a child's.

## THE REWARD OF PATIENCE.

She is off to a dance to-night. And the final glimpse in the mirror gives her no cause for dissatisfaction. Pink is a trying colour to all but perfect skins. But now she must happily admit to herself that it only serves to enhance the brilliant rose and white of her own cheeks.

## "I AM GROWING MORE AND MORE BEAUTIFUL."

### IT DEPENDS ON YOU.

"It only," a woman said to me the other day, "one could apply the Cooch method to one's personal appearance!" Fancy just saying, "I am growing more and more beautiful"—and actually becoming so!

I do not know whether auto-suggestion could actually change the texture and colour of hair and skin; but I know as every sensible woman knows, that to succeed is an entirely matter of intelligent care and development.

The loveliest woman looks no better than a hog if she lets her hair get dishevelled and dusty and her complexion muddy. But the technically "plain" woman can be a perpetual delight to the eye if she takes pains with herself and brings out her best points by constant grooming and burnishing. Hair is especially important. Beautiful hair can only be obtained by constant, persistent burnishing with clean, stiff brushes, the application of a good tonic when there are signs of dandruff or falling out—and above all a good shampoo used once a fortnight. The best of all shampoos is one made of stallax granules. It is pre-eminently the scientific shampoo. The many women who use it are its best recommendation—women whose bright, wavy hair shows that they know the best way to develop and preserve the natural beauty of their locks.

## FOR REMOVING SUPERFLUOUS HAIR.

No woman who has any sense of beauty will deny that superfluous hair is one of the greatest drawbacks to good looks.

Realising this, women of all times have put themselves to any expense, and have endured considerable pain and discomfort in order to rid themselves of this disagreeable circumstance.

Nowdays electrology is a prevalent "cure" for this ailment, but in reality this process involves a great deal of unnecessary expense, waste of time and pain.

The simplest, quickest and most effective treatment can easily be carried out by any sufferer, in the privacy of her home. This is the recipe:

Procure about 1 oz. powdered phenol from your chemist, mix a sufficient quantity with a few drops of water into a stiff paste. Apply this carefully and thoroughly to the hair you wish to remove, and allow the paste to dry. In a few minutes it can be gently scraped away. The skin is left absolutely free from hair, should then be carefully washed in warm water, and if desired, lightly dusted with a little talcum powder.

Pineta soap for the complexion, 1s., all chemists.—(Advt.)



"I understand Sir Stanley does not remember that you are his wife," said the great brain specialist. He looked at Primrose searching.

"That makes things easier," was her enigmatic answer. "As his nurse I shall be able to do far more for him."

almost piteously. "Who's been telling you I'm married? I haven't got a wife."

Nurse Field turned apologetic eyes to Primrose.

"Well, well, though you don't want a wife, you want nurses, you know. Wouldn't you like that lady to help nurse you? You know she did sometimes, when you were worse."

"I shouldn't mind," he whispered.

Very quietly Primrose got up and went out of the room. She felt choking. But she must make no sign. Whatever happened she must not break down.

Yet it was well-nigh unbearable to watch Stanley with his once clear brain, growing daily a little stronger in body, but with his mind more hopelessly clouded and muddled.

This surely was the worst thing that could have happened to him! Stanley himself would have ceased death a dozen times in preference to such fate.

She paced up and down her room, wondering what the end was going to be, and then a message came to her that Sir John Seer was waiting to see her.

She went down to the matron's private room and found the big surgeon talking to Dr. Treloar.

"Good morning, Lady Bircham," Sir John said. "I want to talk to you about your husband. I am not going to tell you that Dr. Treloar and I are very anxious, very anxious indeed. He is not making the improvement I had after his first rally, we had hoped for. But we may have missed something that is of vital importance. We want your consent to bring Sir William Mordant, the big brain specialist, to see him."

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# MUSIC HALL NOT ENTERED FOR GRAND NATIONAL

Last Year's Winner Only Prominent Absentee.

## LINGFIELD TO-DAY.

L. B. Rees Rides Two Winners at Tenby Races.

Tenby Hunt Meeting again had the field to itself yesterday, and the racing was very moderate. The five races on the card attracted only twenty-one starters, and three favourites were successful. Features of the day were:—

**Grand National.**—The "Racing Calendar" published the sixty-eight horses nominated for the Grand National Steeplechase.

**Racing.**—At Te-bye, D. Harrison, the local trainer, scored a double win with Smashaway and Little Haven. L. Rees was the successful jockey in each case.

**Football.**—In the Welsh Rugby trial match at Newport, Probables, after leading at the interval by 8 points to nil, were beaten by the Rest by 9 points to 8.

## NATIONAL'S OLD GUARD.

All the Best Chasers Except Last Year's Winner Entered.

Except that Music Hall is among the missing there is nothing to occasion surprise in the entries for the Grand National. And, remembering the trouble last year's winner has given his trainer since his attempt to win the Paris Steeplechase, his absence is not really astonishing.

In spite of the increased subscription, there are sixty-eight entries, and of course the old guard are there in full force.

**Drifter.**—Taffyts and Sergeant Murphy—second, third and fourth respectively last year—were entered again; so is The Bore, in spite of

**SELECTIONS FOR LINGFIELD.**

1.0—MEMENTO	1.20—KING PIPPIN
1.50—PERIODIC	1.50—LITTLE HAVEN
2.0—BEGGAR'S END.	1.50—LILDETON

**DOUBLE EVENT FOR TO-DAY.**

MEMENTO and BEGGAR'S END.\*

the fact that Mr. Harry Brown's "old fellow" pulled up very leg-weary in the third mile at Gatwick last week.

Shaun Spadah, winner two years ago, is one of a big troupe from Poole's stable. Among the others is Maybey Gate, who finished fifth to Punt Gun in the Grand Sefton Steeplechase and was marked by many good judges as a likely sort for the National today.

### COWTHWAITE'S BEST?

Cowthwaite is also responsible for several other besides Drifter, and quite a lot of people have already come to the conclusion that Conjur II will prove better than last year's second on March 22.

Drifter's form this season has certainly not been very encouraging, but the history of Liverpool has taught us that Aintree is a law unto itself and that "form" in the ordinary way is of secondary consideration.

At Lingfield, down last year through a dead horse has been fortunate in all the early betting, and while he keeps well is not likely to lose the honour. Southampton, in spite of his various tumbles, is entered again, but he seems totally unsuited to Liverpool, and from all accounts the Findon stable will have a much more dependable representative in Halston.

Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Hollins both cherish hopes of getting the third woman owner to win the coveted trophy. Punt Gun and Turkey Buzzard, their respective candidates are as good as the next best in the race.

Punt Gun has already won over part of the course, and Turkey Buzzard showed a glimpse of something like his old brilliance recently at Wolverhampton. I hear his runs again at Lingfield to-morrow.

### DOUBLE FOR L. REES.

L. B. Rees rode a couple of winners for D. Harrison at Tenby yesterday, when the once brilliant Smashaway descended to win a £50 steeplechase and Little Haven ran away with the victory.

Brother Fred held his hand on Cash Box, another odds-on favourite from the same stable, in the Town Steeplechase, but Noble Guard jumped him throughout and won by fifteen lengths.

Racing of a vastly different character will be seen at Lingfield to-day, when most interest centres in the Burstow Steeplechase.

Beggar's End represents Gore in preference to Silver Fox, in reserve to oppose Turkey Buzzard to-morrow—and although Winkie and Gem are fancied, I think the Findon horse will repeat his Kempton success.

Gasper and King Pippin—two of the best four-year-olds seen out this season—are engaged in the Blindley Heath Hurdle; but the former, I hear, is a doubtful runner, so the Dewes horse appears to have an easy task.

### BOUVIERE.

**BOAT RACE PRACTICE.**

After tiring practice in the morning, Cambridge were in their boat at 1.30 p.m. for a second session. They paddled down to Batsbile Lock and back in easy stages at slow practice stroke. T. Collet was in charge, and G. H. Amherst returned to No. 3, vice J. A. Dixon.



Mr. H. A. Brown, who has selected The Bore for the Grand National.



B. Howard Baker, who will ride for the Corinthian in the English Cup.

## SEVEN UP ON BOGEY.

**T. Jones and E. Ray Win Herts Better Ball Golf Tournament at Bushey Hall.**

E. Ray, former open champion, and T. Jones (handicap 12) won the twenty-seven holes four-ball competition of the Herts County Professional Golfers' Alliance at Bushey Hall course, Watford, yesterday. Play was suspended in the second half, and opening strongly, Gethin Thomas got over with an unconverted try. Mole then landed a couple of penalty goals, and the game was won for the team which was 10 points to 9.

After the match the team to meet England at Twickenham on January 20 was selected as follows:

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## FOR TWICKENHAM.

Welsh Rugby Side Chosen After a Keen Game.

While there was much that was disappointing in the play of the Probable side in the final Welsh Rugby trial with The Rest at Newport yesterday, a satisfactory revelation was made of the strength of the Principality's reserve of talent.

The Probable side were 10 points to 9 point after holding a lead of eight points at the interval.

D. G. Davis and Cornish got over with tries for the Probable side, and Clem Lewis converted the second. All this time the Rest had by far the worse of the scrums, but the Welsh side were dominant in the second half, and opening strongly, Gethin Thomas got over with an unconverted try. Mole then landed a couple of penalty goals, and the game was won for the team which was 10 points to 9.

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## CUP-TIE CHANCES.

Preparations for Big Crowds at To-morrow's Games.

## CORINTHIANS' DEBUT.

Enthusiasm is rising to fever heat as the day for the first round of the English F.A. Cup competition draws near. Most clubs report unprecedented demands for seats, and in many instances additional crush barriers have been erected to cope with exorbitant demand.

Neither Hopper nor Dorsett will be available to Millwall for their tie with Clapton Orient at Homerton.

They are not fit, and it is hoped that Alf Amos will have recovered sufficiently to take his place at half-back. Hanekom has got the vacancy at Old Kingston and former Brentford player is unable to turn out.

Since Bliss and Owen Williams became associated on the board of the Corinthian, the club have greatly improved. Confidence has increased with it, and in their camp to-day there is a great deal of optimism.

On Monday's draw for the second round, the only doubt is whether Smith or Gillatt shall play at outside right.

The Corinthians will be making their first appearance in the competition at Brighton, where they are assured of a good crowd. The team will be as follows: A. E. Knight or J. S. E. Morrison will play at left back, but whover gets out will be equal to the task. J. R. B. Moulds, C. B. G. Leach and L. J. Black will be a popular half-back line, and the forwards have a wonky appearance.

K. E. Hogan, the Army winger, and A. H. Phillips will be on the right; either F. N. S. Doughty or D. Houthwaite will be in the centre, and the left wing will be A. G. Doggart and C. T. Ashton.

## WEBB WINS ON POINTS.

**Alf Simmons Beaten After a Good Fight.**

Alf Craig's Victory.

It was a good fight between Charlie Webb (Bow) and Alf. Simmons (Hackney) at the Ring last night and at the end of fifteen rounds the former was declared the winner on points.

Simmons fought amazingly, and in the early rounds was quite as good as Webb. The latter, however, was never flurried and boxed well within himself. He just did not deserve the verdict, but there was not much doubt about it.

In a fifteen rounds contest Alf Craig, of Aldgate, defeated Noel Stenhouse, the welter-weight champion of Holland, on points after a close contest.

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**Leading Amateurs Clash at British Legion Tournament.**

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## NEWMAN'S RALLY.

Newman outpointed Inman at both sessions yesterday. He scored 611 to 463 in the afternoon, and 1,029 against 313 at night. The result of the day's play was that Inman was led to 1,238 and reduced to 1,029 against 313 at night.

In the amateur championship S. H. Frey beat Captain A. Croneen by 2,000 to 1,546, and the closing scores in the other match were—Smith 5,333, Falkiner 4,011.

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## "POST" ENTRIES FOR TABLE TENNIS.

Last Chance to Compete in Our Great Contest.

### FUR COAT AS PRIZE.

How You Can Enter Without Waiting for a Form.

Today is practically the last opportunity readers will have of entering *The Daily Mirror* All-British Table Tennis Championships.

Entries close Friday on Monday, and there is barely sufficient time for which entrants can competition can now apply for forms and return them completed. In order that no one shall be prevented from competing through lack of time, a special method of entering the competitions has been decided on.

An entry form will be filled in at "The Daily Mirror" office for anyone who sends to-day on a postcard his (or her) full name, address, county, and club (if any). State whether "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss."

All such postcards will be accepted as valid entries, and the completed entry forms will be forwarded to the organisers of the areas in which entrants reside.

Women competitors will be interested to know that, in deference to the wishes of a large number of entrants, the woman's championship will be allowed to choose a valuable fur coat as her prize instead of the motor-cycle already announced. It appears to be the general opinion that this change in the prize list will meet with unanimous approval.

The winners of both championships will be presented with a Calthorpe motor-car, valued at £220, and, in addition, they will hold for one year a handsome silver trophy. Every area champion will receive a valuable gold medal of special design.

### WHERE TO SEE THE CARS.

Duplicates of the prize cars may now be inspected at the premises of the following firms: London—J. Mann, Eerton and Co., Eerton-road; Gammie, Little, and Company, Paddington; Clapham Junction; Jones and Co., Holloway; The Motor House, Finchley-road, N.W.; Stretton and Smith, Woodstock-street, Bond-street; Lancaster Engineering Co., Eden-street, Lancaster-on-Thames; Holbrook Motor Co., Hill Rise, Richmond.

Provinces—Heighton and Co., Market-place, Thrapston; Caffyns, Ltd., Eastbourne; Travers, Ltd., Liverpool; W. and J. Evans, Cardiff; Evans, Birmingham; R. E. Jones, Cardiff and Swansea; H. Robinson, Ltd., Cambridge; Tilley, Ltd., Dorchester; Colemore Depot, Manchester; Bowwood, Ltd., Ipswich; Eerton and Co., Bury St. Edmunds; Lestoway, and F. Wick; Christian and Shaw, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Ireland—Keating and Lundy, Great Brunswick-street, Dublin.

Amongst the latest-table tennis centres is the one at the Royal Naval College, which has five tables at the old National School, Church-street, Watford, Herts. The secretary is Mr. J. Nevitt, Wansford, Clarendon-road, Watford, and local players should give him every support.

"Last-minute" entrants should send their postcards to "The Editor, *Daily Mirror* Table Tennis Championships, 23-29, Bouverie-street, E.C.4.

### "MESOPOTAMIA."

Sir Percival Phillips' Enlightening Book Published To-day.

"Mesopotamia" a shilling booklet containing the reported articles by Sir Percival Phillips, *The Daily Mail* special correspondent, on the British military occupation of Iraq, is published to-day.

This vast and barren waste of country, almost entirely populated by people hostile to Britain, has already cost the British taxpayer a sum estimated at £100,000,000, and in a series of a dozen forceful and vigorous articles Sir Percival Phillips denounces our policy there and exposes the waste of public money on such a frantically unremunerative enterprise.

A treaty signed on October 10, 1922, by the Coalition Government guaranteed King Feisal British financial and military assistance for twenty years and in one of his articles Sir Percival says: "If we cut our losses in Mesopotamia and withdraw to the Basra area, our hold on the Persian Gulf will be secure, and the British taxpayer will not have to sink more millions in the effort to prop up an unstable and unsympathetic native Government."

"Mesopotamia" may be obtained from all booksellers to-day.

### THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

By Our City Editor.

Markets were strong again yesterday, and all sections. War Loan advanced to 100 9-16, with all gilt-edged stocks good. Consversions being 76. Home Railways were up 1-16. A rising 11 to 34, with Metros and District held at 122 4-16. The 48s. and 52s. were subject to profit-taking, but Antofagasta jumped 2 to 76. In Foreign bonds French and Brazil showed some gain.

Industrials were irregular. Dunlop improved to 9s. 4d., anticipating next week's December prospectus. The Marconi and Marconi Maxxim and Marconi Textile shares were dull; Courtaulds 63s. 5d., Listers 52s. 8d., Daily Express 48s. 5d., and the small debentures firm 108d. x.

Rubber and wool were favoured under influence of further rise in the commodity. The 1s. 2d. Highclands rose to 35s. Java Investments and Rubber Trusts 26s. 3d., Anglo Dutch to 35s. 9d., Tambora to 35s. 5d.

Other stocks were up 1s. 2d. and 1s. 4d. Leagues 45s., Anglo-Persian 41, Shells 4-32, V.O.C. 27s.



Miss Nancy Sayer (right), as the "Pip and Squeak Annual," and other little guests at the Mansion House children's ball last night.

## DAY OF MOURNING.

### Germans to Fly Flags at Half Mast—Theatres Closed.

(Continued from page 3.)

BERLIN, Thursday.

Flags will be flown half-mast on all Government buildings throughout Germany on Sunday as a sign of mourning for the French occupation of Essen.

Tea-rooms and other places of amusement will be closed and mourning services will be held.

It is reported also that the Trades Union Federation intends to order a half-hour's cessation of work on Monday as a demonstration of protest.

It is announced that the transport of reparations coal ceased from 9 a.m. to-day by order of the German Government.

In a statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Cuno, the Chancellor, announced that reparations obligations could cease to be discharged to "Treaty-Breaking Powers"—Reuter.

It is stated in an Exchange message from Amsterdam that when the French occupation is complete the Berlin Government will declare the Peace Treaty inoperative and break off relations with the Reparations Commission.

Protest to Berlin—Dr. Schamer, the German Ambassador in London, yesterday presented at the Foreign Office a Note protesting against French and Belgian action.

### RENT ACT RIDDLE.

### Cabinet Reserve Housing Decision for Committees' Reports.

By Our Political Correspondent.

The housing problem came before the Cabinet yesterday.

Contrary to expectation the Lord Chancellor's Judicial Committee, which has been considering the Lord's sensational decision that increases of rent are illegal unless notice to quit has been given, did not present even an interim Report.

This, it is understood, was because the Committee felt that it would be desirable to deal with the matter comprehensively before making any recommendation.

The Cabinet feel that before any final decision can be made on any special phase of the housing problem they should be in possession of all the Reports of the Committees now conducting investigations.

### EARL'S DAUGHTER WEDS.

### Six Months' Honeymoon in East Africa Shooting Big Game.

Silver grey was the unusual shade chosen for her four bridesmaids by Lady Mary Egerton, daughter of the late Earl of Wilton and of Mariota Lady Wilton, who was married to Mr. R. B. Boyd yesterday at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

The bride, who was given away by the Hon. George Egerton, wore a draped white satin dress with long sleeves, a train of silver and velvet patterned frieze, and carried a white velvet prayer-book instead of flowers.

For their honeymoon Mr. and Lady Mary Boyd will spend six months in East Africa on a shooting expedition.

Deep red roses allied to peach-coloured veils and dresses were chosen by four bridesmaids who attended Miss Dorothy Wood at her marriage at the Brompton Oratory yesterday to Captain H. J. Bamford, of Oldfields Hall, Uttoxeter. The bride's dress had a silver train lined with rose pink.

At Crash Inquest.—The inquest on Major R. E. Keys and his mechanic, killed in the air crash at Stanmore, will be held to-morrow.

## VERSATILE ACTOR'S MANY PARTS.

Artist, Bricklayer's Labourer and Athlete.

### "MR. DUCAT'S" ROLES.

Athletic Training to Keep His Health Good.

"Each man in his time plays many parts," said Shakespeare; and his words are certainly true of Mr. E. Thornley-Dodge, who is now playing the part of Mr. Ducat in "Polly" at the Kingsway Theatre. He is versatility personified.

A few weeks ago he was starring in vaudeville as a humorous raconteur with lightning sketches. Last summer he spent his holiday acting as a bricklayer's labourer.

During the Christmas holidays he might have been seen on a running track near his home at Fulham practising to become a first-class sprinter.

This is how he has filled in his time during the past year:—

Vaudeville contracts.  
Writing plays.  
Carrying a hod as a bricklayer's assistant.  
Painting a picture.  
Coaching operatic and other stage aspirants.  
Designing wallpaper.  
Amusing children.  
"Polly."

### "THE ARTFUL DODGER."

"I am never so happy as when I am working hard, no matter what the task is," he told *The Daily Mirror* yesterday. "I think I was a success as a bricklayer's labourer. At all events, the house is still standing!"

"Because of this little excursion into industry on my part, my friends made me a 'Hod-fellow,' and nicknamed me 'Dodge,' the Artful Dodger," thought where the artfulness of carrying bricks and mixing mortar comes in I cannot see."

"At all events, the union haven't got to hear about it yet, nobody called me a 'Hod-fellow' and I shall join them one of these days.

"With regard to my athletic ambitions, I am primarily studying my health. I love my part of Mr. Ducat in 'Polly'; it is charming, if exciting. But my health is worth, I think, a few ducats, as Shylock might have said."

As a playwright Mr. Thornley-Dodge has been eminently successful. Miss Edith Goodall starring in one of his shorter pieces in London. The output from his pen is still below the demand.

## HALTING THE GERM.

### Health Sentries Who Keep Tainted Food Out.

Some interesting details were given to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday of the measures taken to protect us from tainted food perils.

The ceaseless vigilance of our port sanitary medical officers has probably saved us from the ravages of epidemics resulting from importation of unsafe products.

It is expected that the sanitary medical officer at Dover, Dr. A. B. MacMaster, has of recent months detected a series of supplies calculated to be unfit for human consumption.

His latest discovery was a consignment of faintly discoloured asparagus.

Samples of food are taken, whenever deemed advisable, from incoming vessels at the ports.

In addition to their activities in connection with food supplies, a sharp look-out is kept by the sanitary officers for infectious diseases.



I will make you a present of this handsome British-made aluminium canister, which is just the right size for holding six pounds of my flour. There is no advertising matter on it, and it will be a handsome and useful addition to your kitchen. There are coupons in the bags of my Self-raising Flour, Self-raising Wheatmeal Flour, and King's Own Custard. I will send you the canister in return for 25 red coupons or their equivalent. Order it from your Grocer to-day.

Peterkin.

Table Tennis "Caddies": See amusing pictures on Page 11



Willard has a little game with—

## DIVORCE DECREE



Mrs. Dorothy Crawford, who yesterday obtained a decree nisi against her husband, Mr. Oswald Crawford. She said that in Tientsin she saw another woman in her husband's arms.



Lieut. W. G. Gould, R.A.F., who was granted yesterday a decree of separation of conjugal rights against his wife

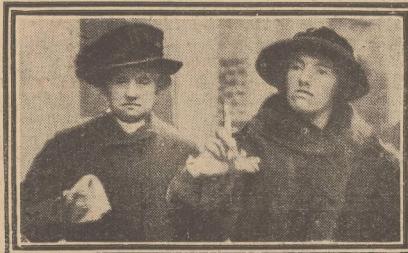


Senator Reed proposes that war debts be settled by the United States acquiring British and French islands in West Indies.

## A CATHEDRAL MEMORIAL

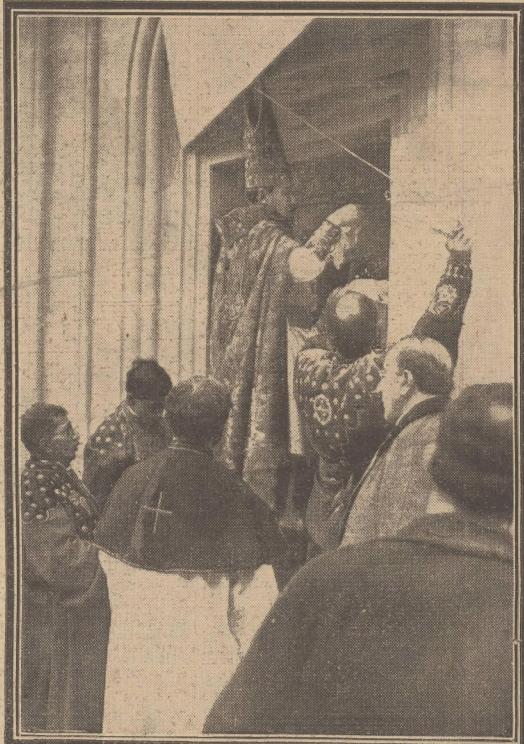


Lord Horne (in uniform) with whom is Lord Hawke, unveiled yesterday at Southwark Cathedral a stained glass window in memory of the employees of "Oxo" who fell in the war.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



BARRICADED HOUSE TRAGEDY.—Two visitors to Marylebone-lane Police Station in connection with the Regent's Park tragedy. The inquest on Mr. Maltby and Mrs. Middleton may be held to-morrow.

## FIRST ARMENIAN CHURCH



Dr. Abel Nazarian, the chief Armenian Bishop in the United Kingdom, pronouncing the dedication on the threshold of the first Armenian church in England. This was opened yesterday at Iverna-gardens, Kensington. Dr. Nazarian wore a black hood and an elaborately decorated cloak on his arrival when he was accompanied by a minister of the Church of England.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



A shell bursts in a British square. Mounted is a French chasseur seeking to capture a standard.

WATERLOO FILMED.—Scenes representing the Battle of Waterloo are included in a new historical film, "A Royal Divorce," which has been prepared in the Long Valley, Aldershot. A number of soldiers have been allowed to take part, and one of them, Sergeant Connell, seen above in an old-time Hussar uniform, does some daring riding feats.



Mr. Gwilym Evans as Napoleon with Sergeant Connell, rough-rider.